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Armed Police camps.

* 123 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Armed Police camps working in Madras State and the number of such camps in the Circars and the places where they are located;

(*b*) the number of villages raided by the Companies of Armed Police after 1st April 1952, to date; and

(*c*) the number of persons taken into Police camps for confinement, the number released and the number remaining in such camps from 1st April 1952 to 1st September 1952?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) In 1950–51 in order to combat the terrorist activities of subversive elements, Special Armed Police and Malabar Special Police detachments were posted at a few centres in Krishna, Guntur and Kurnool districts and officers on special duty used these centres for discussion with and interrogation of, persons who volunteered to give information about the terrorist dalams operating in those districts. As the Law and Order situation improved, the need for such interrogation diminished and it has now altogether ceased. Besides, a few armed police detachments were also stationed in certain places in Tiruvur, Gudivada and Gannavaram taluks in the Krishna district with the object of creating a sense of security and for maintaining law and order. Apart from the above, there are no Armed Police Camps at present in the State.

" (*b*) No villages were raided by the Armed Police but in connexion with the riot which occurred at Elugupadu in Krishna district on 26th June 1952, a section of the Armed Police was made use of to assist the local Police in arresting the accused, who were hiding in neighbouring villages.

" (*c*) No persons were confined in Police camps, even if the places referred to in the answer to clause (*a*) are termed as such, but persons who volunteered to give information about the terrorist dalams were directed to the Special duty officers who used to camp at the places where the Malabar Special Police and the Special Armed Police detachments were stationed. The number of persons who interviewed the officers cannot be estimated as no records of these were maintained in the interests of secrecy and protection of those who volunteered to assist the Government. After enquiry the persons concerned returned to their villages to pursue their normal avocations."

Reduction in the price of yarn.

* 125 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the action taken by the Government to get a reduction in the prices of yarn in proportion to the fall in prices of cotton?

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" This Government have already addressed the Government of India on the subject and the matter is under consideration of that Government."

[" Starred questions Nos. 124 and 126 postponed for answer on 25th November 1952."]

Fair price rice shop for Government servants in Krishna district.

* 127 Q.—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the non-gazetted officers of Krishna district requested the Collector of Krishna to open a fair price rice shop for them and if so, whether it was sanctioned and if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes. On a representation of the President of the Non-Gazetted Officers' Association, Masulipatnam, a fair price shop was granted to the Association exclusively to cater to the needs of the Non-Gazetted Officers in Masulipatnam town. As the President of the Association subsequently reported that the Association was not in a position to run the shop for want of funds, orders were issued, transferring the shop to the Masulipatnam Consumers Co-operative Society, on the suggestion of the President of the Association."

Government Hospital, Nuzvid.

* 128 Q.—SRI M. R. APPA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a proposal to construct Taluk Headquarters' Hospital in Nuzvid ; and

(b) if so, at what stage is it?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) No; but the following improvements to the existing Government hospital have been sanctioned in April 1950 at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,93,338 :—

(i) Acquisition of site.

(ii) Construction of an Operation Theatre.

(iii) Maternity ward.

(iv) Two general wards of 6 beds each.

" The Government have no information about the progress of these works."